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LECTURE TO INTERPRET U.S. CONSTITUTION

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will celebrate Constitution Week with a lecture on Monday, Sept. 15.

Roger Newman, a noted scholar of American law and the Constitution, will present “Original Sin and Original Intent: Interpreting the Constitution” at 7:30 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

The event, sponsored by the UM Provost’s Office, is free and open to the public.

Newman teaches at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. His biography of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black won the Scribes Book Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in biography. The New York Times selected it as a notable book and called it “a giant book on a giant man.” The book was a source for a PBS series on the history of the Supreme Court.

Newman is editor-in-chief of a four-volume encyclopedia titled The Constitution and its Amendments and co-author of “Banned Films: Movies, Censors and the First Amendment.” In addition, he is editor of the Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law, which will be published next year.

Newman has appeared on PBS, National Public Radio, C-Span and “Entertainment

Tonight." He currently is working on a book about President Bill Clinton's appointments to the Supreme Court.

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